

**FOR CHILD OR ADOLESCENT UNIT OF MARYLAND STATE FACILITIES
BHA FACILITY 2ND PHYSICIAN'S OR PSYCHOLOGIST'S ENDORSEMENT**

I have examined _____, and I find that:

1. The individual has a mental disorder;
 2. The mental disorder is susceptible to care or treatment;
 3. The applicant understands the nature of the request for admission.
- ☐ I certify that I am duly licensed to practice medicine in the State of Maryland, pursuant to the Health Occupations Article, Title 14, Annotated Code of Maryland; or
- ☐ I am a psychologist licensed under the Health Occupations Article, Title 18, Annotated Code of Maryland.

Printed Name of Physician or Psychologist

Signature of Physician or Psychologist

Address

Date

Time

Telephone Number

HEALTH-GENERAL ARTICLE

§10-610. Application by parent or guardian.

- (a) *Applicant.* — On behalf of a minor, a parent or guardian of the person of the minor may apply, under this section, for admission of the minor to:
- (1) Any facility that is not a State facility; or
 - (2) The following State facilities:
 - (i) A regional institute for children and adolescents; and
 - (ii) The child or adolescent unit of a State facility.
- (b) *Application.* — The applicant shall submit a formal, written application that contains the personal information and is on the form required by the Administration.
- (c) *Admission limitations.* — A facility may not admit an individual under this section unless:
- (1) The individual has a mental disorder;
 - (2) The mental disorder is susceptible to care or treatment;
 - (3) The applicant understands the nature of a request for admission; and
 - (4) Assent to the admission has been given:
 - (i) By the admitting physician of the facility; or
 - (ii) For a child or adolescent unit of a State facility, by a physician and psychologist or by 2 physicians.
- (d) *Retention limited.* — An admission under this section to a child or adolescent unit of a State facility may not exceed 20 days. (An. Code 1957, Art. 59, § 11; 1982, ch. 21, § 2.)

§10-803. Voluntary admissions.

(a) *Informal request.* — An individual who is admitted voluntarily to a facility, on an informal request, may leave the facility at any time between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., unless the admission status of the individual has been changed to an involuntary admission.

(b) *Formal applications.* — An individual who has been admitted voluntarily, under a formal written application, may not be held for more than 3 days after the individual asks for release, unless the admission status of the individual has been changed to an involuntary admission.

(c) *Formal applications — Minors.* — A minor who has been admitted voluntarily, on the application of a parent or guardian of the minor, may not be held for more than 3 days after the applicant for the admission asks for release, unless the admission status of the minor has been changed to an involuntary admission. (An. Code 1957, art. 59, § 11; 1982, ch. 21, § 2; 1991, ch. 31.)